

CHAPTER NO. 246

SENATE BILL NO. 635

By Clabough

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1214

By Head, Curtiss

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(4), is amended by adding the following as new items thereto:


(D) If the injury or illness requires the treatment of a physician or surgeon who practices orthopedic or neuroscience medicine, then the employer may appoint a panel of physicians or surgeons practicing orthopedic or neuroscience medicine required to be designated pursuant to subdivision (A) consisting of five (5) physicians, with no more than four (4) physicians affiliated in practice.

(E) In circumstances where an employee is offered a treating panel as described in subdivision (D), the injured employee shall be entitled to have a second opinion on the issue of surgery, impairment, and a diagnosis from that same panel of physicians selected by the employer.

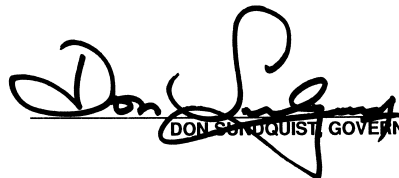
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2001


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2001


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR